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Renmark Primary School Newsletter



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◆ Respect ◆ Excellence ◆ Self Belief ◆ Trust

News from the Principal

NAPLaN 2019

This was the first year that our students and most across Australia, completed online NAPLaN tests. Apart from a national glitch with year 7 Writing, the NAPLaN testing went very smoothly.

One group of year 7 students were given permission by the testing authority to do their Writing test on paper, after two failed online attempts. The year 7's who did this showed great resilience and persistence. I was very proud of them; true positive mindsets in the face of a frustrating and challenging situation.

I congratulate our students on engaging so well in the testing. Most have responded that they prefer the online platform. Tests were differentiated to cater for individuals as they progressed through the tests, online tools were provided i.e. zoom tool, calculator, ruler, audio support, being able to flag and return to questions that were taking too much time. Thank you to parents/caregivers and staff for encouraging and supporting our students through their tests.

Play News

Last week, Craig Steele (Snip, Clip and Chip Tree Service) kindly donated three large logs to our primary playground as we slowly add more natural items for our older students to play on and with. The students have rolled, walked, jumped over and used them as roads for their model bikes and cars. They have had a great time using their imagination and cooperative skills. There have been several minor scratches however children learn by taking safe risks, and teachers on duty keep an eye on how students are playing. A big attraction and success so far. Thank you Craig!

If you have any natural items that may be suitable for a natural play space, please contact me at school to first make sure the items are safe and suitable. Children can create hours of fun with simple materials.

On another matter, our students know that tackling and throwing students to the ground is not allowed in school footy or soccer – the games at break times are inclusive of all students and not determined by a child's skill level, size or experience. Please reinforce this with your child so that we are all on the same page; we don't want anyone hurt or feeling too intimidated to play.

2019 Public Education Awards

Nominate, recognise and celebrate an outstanding educator in the 2019 Public Education Awards.

Get involved and say thank you to a leader, teacher or support staff member (SSO) making a significant difference to the lives of our students at RPS.

An educator's influence continues beyond the classroom and supports children and young people to reach their full potential in life. We all remember a teacher who inspired and motivated us to enjoy learning, and the awards honour the dedication and passion of individuals who deliver the best possible outcomes for young people and their families.

NOMINATIONS OPEN UNTIL 31 MAY - TO NOMINATE

📍 **VISIT:** <https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com> to nominate online.

☎ **PHONE:** 8226 3667 to nominate over the phone.

📦 **IN PERSON:** Nomination forms and a collection box are located at the office for your convenience.

 <p>2019 PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS Recognising excellence</p>	<p>NOMINATE NOW 1 to 31 May</p>	<p>Don't miss your chance to celebrate and recognise an educator who makes a positive impact every day.</p>
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Volunteers and support staff celebrations

Our staff and students have had the opportunity to acknowledge, thank and celebrate our many volunteers and support staff over the last two weeks. I would like to say a big thank you to you all; without you, many specialised programs and support would not be possible and our students would miss out on extra learning opportunities and developing special relationships with you. I hope that you realise how much we appreciate all you do and that we love having you in our school. Thank you.

Attendance

Attendance at school is vital to a student's academic and personal success. Attending school regularly maximises student learning outcomes and allows students to develop their abilities in a social and supportive context. At Renmark Primary School, we are committed to supporting students to achieve this.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses.....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	& over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years

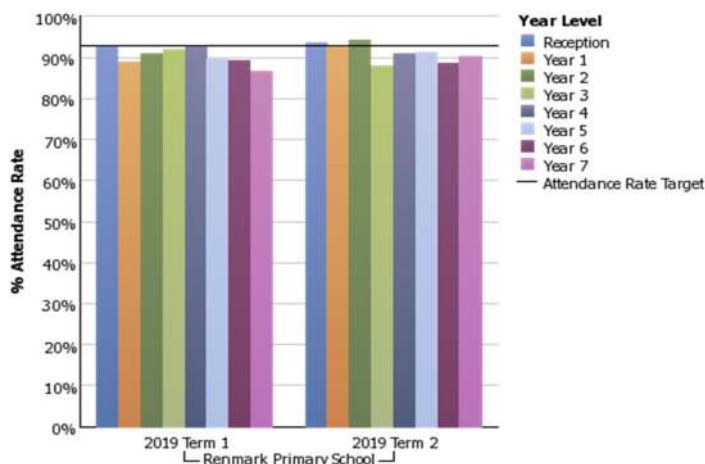
Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then **YES, attendance does matter!**

Attendance

Term 2

Reception	93.5%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	88.0%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	91.2%
Year 6	88.7%
Year 7	90.3%



National Volunteers Week



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
Making a world of difference
 20-26 May 2019

National Volunteers Week is the annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contributions of our nation's volunteers, with this year's theme being "Making a World of Difference."

On Tuesday we held a special morning tea to say thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who help us at Renmark Primary School, from hearing students read, celebrating special events, such as Mother's Day and Father's Day, providing student lunches and assisting our students to walk to and from the swimming pool and other places around Renmark.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or joining our parent club, please feel free to come in and speak to Rachel, Sarah or Brenda at the front office.

National Support Staff Week



National Support Staff Week is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the diverse work of ECW, SSO and AEW members and how they contribute to the ongoing success of our education communities.

The annual event was previously held in August, but was recently rescheduled to May to align with international celebrations.

International Education Support Personnel Day was on Thursday 16 May.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Support Staff, without them, we could not provide a range of opportunities for our students, from assisting them in all aspects of learning in the classroom, to warmly welcoming all of our parents, carers and visitors to RPS and answering their questions or concerns.



Walk Safely to School Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Friday's Walk Safely to School Day. Almost 60 students met staff at either the Skate Park or Riverland Mini Supermarket and walked to school. All students were offered a free breakfast. We would also like to thank Glenview Poultry and Paringa Bakery for their generous donations of products.



READING *Success For Life!*



**READING AT HOME...
can make a HUGE DIFFERENCE**

- What are the benefits of reading with my child or teenager?*
- At home, what can I do to help my child or teenager improve their reading?*
- How can I make reading more fun, engaging and productive for my child or teenager?*

You are invited to an enjoyable, relaxed evening where these questions can be answered. You will also have the opportunity to share your thoughts and questions with other parents of school and preschool aged children.

When: Wednesday 5th June
6pm Sausage Sizzle and Fruit Boxes Available for Tea
6.30 - 7.45pm Reading Workshop facilitated by Dr Rosie Kerin
Where: Renmark High School Library * Creche Provided (Ages 5-12)

RSVP & Inquiries to RHS 8586 6974
 EMAIL: dl.0794.info@schools.sa.edu.au



Cold+flu

Parents/Carers, we have had many cases of colds and a few students diagnosed with Influenza.

We encourage families to keep students home and seek medical attention if displaying any cold/flu signs and symptoms.

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION

Common diseases such as colds, flu and tummy bugs can be spread in several different ways. Washing your hands, wiping down things you use, and covering your coughs and sneezes will help keep you and others healthy. If you are sick stay away from school until you are better.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COLD AND THE FLU?

Colds are fairly common, and can be caused by any one of many cold viruses. Flu is caused by just 2 or 3 different strains of one virus each year and usually causes a more severe illness. The symptoms of flu come on suddenly with a high fever and affect your whole body – not just your head and chest like a cold.

HOW CAN I STOP THE SPREAD OF COLDS AND FLU?

The viruses that cause colds and flu are in the nose, throat and lungs of those affected. These can be spread by the fine droplets that are expelled from the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing. The following simple steps can reduce the spread of respiratory infections:

- **WASH** your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- **COVER** your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue use your upper arm or sleeve.
- keep surfaces **CLEAN**.
- **STAY HOME** if you are sick, and keep your distance from others.

REMEMBER “WASH, WIPE, COVER – DON'T INFECT ANOTHER!”

For more Information, visit:

www.health.sa.gov.au/infectioncontrol
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/washwipecover

A Huge Thank You!

to the Renmark Lions Club for their wonderfully generous donation of \$500 to support our school wellbeing programs. Your donation is very warmly appreciated and will be put to great use.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is on again this year from Wednesday 1st May to Tuesday 25th June.

Please send in your completed Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets so we can earn fabulous equipment for our school! Simply place them in the Earn & Learn boxes at school or drop them into the Renmark Primary School box at Woolworths. Your support is greatly appreciated!

SA SCHOOL SPORT NEWSLETTER



For all your SA School Sport news, check out the latest edition of 'THE SPORTS BRIEF'.

<https://mailchi.mp/28c6d8398e02/the-sports-brief-school-sport-sa-news-week-3-term-2>



Camp Quality are coming to Renmark Primary School!

Show Date: **Wednesday 29th May**

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/at-home>

WHAT'S ON ???

Community notices

Riverland Oral Health Centre (school aged dental)

Address: 10 Maddern Street, Berri SA 5343.

Open Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm Phone: 8580 2700. In an emergency or for after hour's advice call: 1800 022 222.

Dental care is free for most children-SA Dental bulk bill Medicare.

Renmark Out of School Hours Care

OSHC opening hours: 6.30am-8.30am & 3.15pm-6.30pm,

Pupil free days and School Holidays 6.30am-6.30pm.

Please Call: 8586 4481 for bookings.

National Karate Academies Renmark

For R-7 at the RPS Hall on Wednesdays (enter from 19th St. Renmark).

Phone Jeff on 0417 938 076.

Family Activities Program

Follow the link below to access a fantastic 'Family Activities Program' put together by the Renmark Paringa Council.

The Program includes activities suitable for all age groups.

<http://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/familyactivities>

School Uniform Donations

Do you have any second hand school uniforms; particularly T-shirts that you would consider donating? Any school uniform donations are very welcome. Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the front office for a gold coin donation.

2019 Term Dates

Term 2: 29 April – 5 July (10 wks)

Term 3: 22 July – 27 September (10 wks)

Term 4: 14 October – 13 December (9 wks)

Dates to remember

Term 2

Week 4

'National Volunteers Week'

May	20	NAPLAN Day 4
May	20	SAPSASA Athletics Adelaide
May	20	Governing Council 6pm
May	21	Volunteers 'Thank You' Morning Tea
May	22	SAPSASA Cross Country

Week 5

'National Reconciliation Week'

May	29	Choir 'Cluster' Practise
May	29	Assembly 2.40pm
May	31	SAPSASA Tackle Rugby

Week 6 and 7

June	7	PUPIL FREE DAY
June	10	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's Bday
June	10	SA Volunteer's Day
June	12	ICAS Spelling Test

Week 8

June	17	Governing Council 6pm
June	17-21	Netball/Football State Carnival

Week 9 and 10

June	28	District Hockey
July	4	Assembly 1.50pm
July	5	2.30pm DISMISSAL (Casual day)

Please Note: Dates are subject to change

Parent Reminders...

Pupil Free Days - Friday 7 June,
Friday 9 August, Friday 8 November 2019.

Public Holiday - Monday 10 June 2019

Don't forget to check out our School website @ <http://www.renmark7.sa.edu.au>



RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

THE NDIS AND CARERS WORKSHOP

The focus of this workshop will be information for carers explaining every aspect of the NDIS.

We will explain:

- How the NDIS works
- How to check eligibility
- How to apply to the NDIS
- The importance of pre-planning and the planning meeting
- The NDIS Plan – getting started



The workshop has been designed to assist family carers supporting people with disability, including psychosocial disability, from seven to 65 years of age. Extended family members and close friends are also invited to join us.

There will also be an opportunity for one-to-one support later in the day as well from 2.30pm – 6.30pm on Thursday 20th June. But these need to be pre-booked.

There is no cost or mandatory requirements to participate in the workshop.

A light lunch will be served as well as morning and afternoon tea so please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or allergies.

It would be helpful if you fill out the pre-registration form to let us know who will be attending and if you need any assistance on the day.

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

When: Wednesday, 19th June 2019

Where: Aboriginal Sobriety Group, 3 Wilson Street Berri

To register you can contact the Carers SA Berri office on 8582 5485 to get a copy of the preregistration form or give the relevant information via the phone

We look forward to meeting you and sharing knowledge together

EARLY DAYS WORKSHOP

The Early Days Workshop has been developed to support parents of children with disability and specifically to provide families with necessary information and strategies to increase understanding of what services are available and how they can access them. The **Early Days Workshop** is for families whose child is within the **birth to six years'** age range and who are either concerned about their child's development, have recently received a disability or developmental delay diagnosis and/or are concerned about how to access appropriate services including the NDIS.

The workshop has been designed holistically to assist parents as well as the entire family unit. While the workshop is intended to specifically support parents of children with disability, it is also open to family members, carers and close friends.

Although the workshop will have a particular format it is not a rigid one and those attending will be invited to actively participate in the workshop.

There is no cost or mandatory requirement to participate in the workshop.

Although we are unable to provide childcare we welcome children if alternative childcare arrangements are not possible. Please let us know if your child(ren) will be coming and we will endeavour to provide some activities for them.

Morning tea will be provided as well as a light lunch so please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or allergies.

It would be helpful if you fill out the pre-registration form to let us know who will be attending and if you need any assistance on the day.

Time: 10am to 2.30pm

When: Thursday 20th June 2019

Where: Berri Hotel Conference Room

To register you can contact the Carers SA Berri office on 8582 5485 to get a copy of the pre-registration form or give the relevant via the phone.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing knowledge together.



KEEPING KIDS WELL THIS WINTER

Children are more likely to spread colds and flu, than any other age group

Protect your children and those around them:



Get them vaccinated



Keep them home with cold or flu symptoms



Teach them to wash their hands and cover coughs with a tissue or arm

Flu symptoms can be much more serious in young children, make sure you seek medical attention if you are worried about your child's health.